



ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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E. Paul Torres, Chairman
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RESOLUTION

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2019-27

SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION TO RESTORE AND EXPAND PROTECTIONS FOR THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia and Zuni, and one pueblo in Texas, Ysleta Del Sur, each having the sovereign authority to govern their own affairs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the All Pueblo Council of Governors is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural and traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations; and,

WHEREAS, through their inherent and sovereign rights, the All Pueblo Council of Governors will promote the language, health, economic and natural resources, and educational advancement of all Pueblo people; and

WHEREAS, each APCG member is a federally recognized tribal nation within the United States with its own cultural territory and the sovereign right to protect its traditional cultural properties and sacred sites, whether or not they are located within each Pueblo's current exterior reservation boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the protection of each Pueblo's traditional cultural properties and sacred sites is necessary to each Pueblo's cultural preservation now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears cultural region encompasses some of the ancestral lands of the Pueblo people and contains tens of thousands of sites of vital ongoing importance to the Pueblo peoples' identity and history, including villages, great houses, kivas, shrines, burials, petroglyphs, pictographs, ancestral dwellings, and ancient roads; and

WHEREAS, preserving the traditional cultural properties and sacred sites that exist in the Bears Ears cultural region including protection of the night skies, soundscapes, view sheds, and sight-lines within and surrounding Bears Ears is essential to the living cultures and traditions of the 20 Pueblos; and

WHEREAS, Zuni Pueblo, both on its own behalf and on behalf of its sister Pueblos, has, along with Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, the Ute Tribe, and the Ute Mountain



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Ute Tribe, formed the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (“BEITC”) and BEITC worked for years with key federal officials and other interested parties to determine the best way to preserve the wealth of unique and irreplaceable cultural and natural resources in the Bears Ears cultural region; and

WHEREAS, APCG has reaffirmed support for Former President Obama’s Presidential Proclamation pursuant to the federal Antiquities Act of 1906 and legislative efforts to designate an area comprised of 1.35 million acres as a National Monument to be administered by U.S Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) and U.S Forest Service, which area was less than what the BEITC had sought, but for which was accepted as a compromise; and

WHEREAS, APCG has opposed President Trump’s illegal unilateral modification of President Obama’s Proclamation for the National Monument by excluding approximately 1,148,000 acres from the Monument, a reduction of 85%, thereby placing significant cultural resources of importance to Pueblos in grave jeopardy, many of which have been impacted by unrestrained development of lands for other uses; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Ruben Gallego with co-sponsorship by Congresswoman Debra Haaland have introduced legislation during the 116th Congress, First Session, H.R 871 titled “The Bears Ears Expansion and Respect for Sovereignty Act” (“BEARS Act”); and

WHEREAS, the BEARS Act would expand the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument to the full 1,931,997 acres originally proposed by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and also requires agencies to promptly carry out the provisions of President Obama’s proclamation for the expanded boundary including meaningfully engaging with tribes and the Bears Ears Commission to reflect tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowledge in land management; and

WHEREAS, the ANTIQUITIES Act (H.R. 1050/S. 367), introduced by Congresswoman Debra Haaland (D-NM-1) and Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) in the 116th Congress, First Session, reaffirms that a national monument may only be “reduced, diminished, or revoked by an Act of Congress” and expands the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument to the boundaries of 1,931,997 acres originally proposed by the tribes and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of these federal lands in the Bears Ears National Monument will ensure protection from future federal mineral leasing and development, and will assist in the preservation of the Bears Ears cultural region and those cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites in the region.

Acoma

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the APCG expresses emphatic support for the BEARS Act and the ANTIQUITIES Act, and does hereby request the five members of New Mexico's Congressional Delegation to take such actions as to support these pieces of legislation as they reasonably can to ensure the passage of these bills; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the APCG Chairman and the Office of the All Pueblo Council of Governors, are authorized to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2019-27 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 26th day of September 2019, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of ____ in favor, ____ against, ____ abstain, and ____ absent.

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By: _____
E. Paul Torres, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

Val Panteah, Sr., APCG Secretary